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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE STUDIES

To

American Diplomatic Officers.

The Acting Secretary of State refers to the program of "National Intelligence Studies", and in this connection supplies the Officers in Charge with the following information.

The "National Intelligence Studies" (NIS) are intended to be basic intelligence handbooks on foreign countries containing the background and current information required for strategic and policy planning by various government agencies and high level policy officials. The intelligence organizations of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency, and certain civilian agencies, are cooperating in the production of these studies. Each National Intelligence Study is divided into chapters and sections; responsibility for the production of particular chapters and sections is specifically allocated to the various participating agencies. The Department of State's basic responsibility is for the chapters entitled "Political", "Sociological" and "Economic".

In order to carry out the extensive compilation of data, research, analysis, and preparation of copy required by this program, additional qualified personnel have been obtained from special funds made available for the purpose. In the preparation of those portions of the studies which are the Department's responsibility, every effort is being made to utilize all pertinent information available in Washington. It is inevitable, however, that gaps and lacunae in the information available will be developed in the course of research, for the filling of which it may be necessary to call upon the Foreign Service Establishments for additional information. Such requests will be the subject of future instructions carrying a reference to this circular instruction. The production of NIS studies on certain countries has been given high priority, and consequently instructions calling for additional information from areas of a lower priority may not be issued for some time.

The progress of the program will be considerably aided if Officers in Charge will make certain that instruction from the Department for the procurement of published materials are fulfilled as expeditiously as possible. By using published

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material (newspapers, periodicals, documents) as sources of information, it is hoped that direct additional burden on reporting officers can be held to a minimum. The cooperation of the Officer in Charge in this matter will materially assist the NIS program.

For the information of the Officer in Charge, there is enclosed an outline of Chapters IV, V, VI. (Political, Sociological, Economic).

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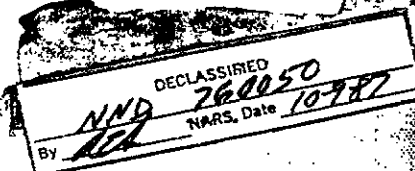
Outline of Chapters IV, V, VI.

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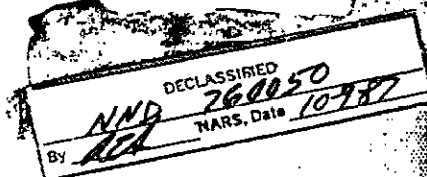
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  - C. CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES
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- B. GENERAL STRATEGIC SUPPLY POSITION
- C. APPRECIATION OF ECONOMIC CAPACITY FOR WAR

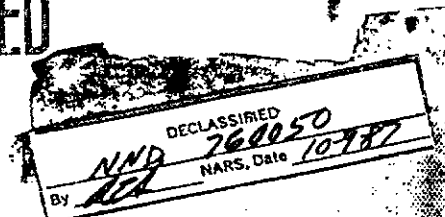
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